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SUBJ: "AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS"

REF: MONTERREY 0103 AND 0115 AND MEXICO 1035.

1. DURING ROUTINE VISIT TO MONTERREY PENITENTIARY, MARCH 13, PROTECTION OFFICER WAS TOLD BY PRISONERS THAT SUBJECT ORGANIZATION IS "SPONSORED" BY CONGRESSMAN STARK, WHO IS COMPILING STATISTICS ON HOW AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE ARRESTED, HOW THEY WERE TREATED AT THE TIME OF ARREST, HOW MUCH MONEY WAS DEMANDED BY LAWYERS FOR SERVICES, AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXPENDED BY PRISONERS' FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES HELPING PRISONERS MAINTAIN THEMSELVES IN MEXICO. ACCORDING TO THESE PRISONERS, THE ORGANIZATION IS MAKING CONCERTED EFFORTS TO PERSUADE ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO CONGRESSMAN STARK DETAILING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR ARRESTS AND SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE PRISONERS RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINING INQUIRIES SUCH AS WHETHER THE AMERICAN CONSUL IS AWARE THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE BEING MALTREATED.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ALSO REPORTEDLY ASKS FOR NAMES OF U.S.

RELATIVES WHO WOULD DONATE SERVICES TO SUBJECT ORGANIZATION AND NAMES OF PERSONS IN MEDIA WHO MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO DISSEMINATION OF MATERIAL; AND REQUESTS PRISONERS TO ASK HIS RELATIVES TO WRITE TO HIS LOCAL CONGRESSMAN RE THEIR SITUATION.

2. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS IN ITS POSSESSION COPY OF A LETTER TO A PARENT OF ONE PRISONER ON CONGRESSMAN STARK'S OFFICIAL STATIONERY AND SIGNED BY HIM. LETTER READS IN PART: QUOTE: VARIOUS TREATIES MADE BY THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO PROVIDE THAT AMERICANS ARRESTED FOR CRIMES COMMITTED IN MEXICO MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE U.S. FOR TRIAL AND, IF THEY ARE FOUND GUILTY, FOR FULFILLMENT OF PRISON TERMS. AT THIS POINT IN MY EFFORTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS AGREED TO COMPILE AND COMPUTERIZE INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS HELD IN MEXICO, AND IN CASES WHERE TORTURE, EXTORTION, DENIAL OF RIGHTS, OR U.S. EMBASSY MISCONDUCT IS INDICATED, THEY HAVE AGREED TO APPEAL EACH CASE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. HOPEFULLY THROUGH THIS PROCESS WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE A SPEEDY REMOVAL FROM THIS DREADFUL SITUATION FOR THE MANY AMERICANS INCARCERATED IN MEXICAN PRISONS. FOR THIS REASON I AM ENCLOSING A QUESTIONNAIRE TO GET FURTHER DETAILS ON (RELATIONSHIP DELETED) ARREST AND CONFINEMENT IN MEXICO. IF YOU WOULD FILL IT OUT AND RETURN IT TO ME, I WILL BE SURE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT INCLUDES THEM IN THEIR INVESTIGATION. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL SOON BE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE. COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

3. MONTERREY PRISONERS REPORT THAT ROBERT LYNN WOOD AND DENNY MICHAEL GREGG (REF MONTERREY 0103) HAVE ALSO VISITED PENITENTIARIES AT SALTILLO AND SAN LUIS POTOSI. WOOD ALLEGEDLY TOLD PRISONER THAT HE WAS IMPERSONATING A CLERGYMAN TO AID HIM IN OBTAINING ACCESS TO AMERICAN PRISONERS FROM PRISON AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO PRISONERS, SUBJECT ORGANIZATION HAS OBTAINED SOME FUNDS FROM BENEFIT PERFORMANCES BY INTERESTED MUSICIANS IN U.S.

4. ONE PRISONER TOLD PROTECTION OFFICER HE WROTE TO HIS SENATOR REGARDING POSSIBILITY MENTIONED IN CONGRESSMAN STARK'S LETTER OF BEING BROUGHT TO U.S. FOR TRIAL ON BASIS UNCLASSIFIED

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VARIOUS U.S.-MEXICAN TREATIES. HE SAID SENATOR REPLIED HE KNEW OF NO SUCH TREATIES. CONGEN ALSO UNAWARE ANY SUCH TREATIES, AND BELIEVES FALSE HOPES RAISED BY SUCH STATEMENTS MAY PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO MORALE OF PRISONERS AND OF THEIR IMMEDIATE RELATIVES IN THE U.S.  
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